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Visiting Pastor/Minister

We are so excited to announce we have a special guest leading the first service of the summer. Patsy was posted with the Tory Hill Pastoral Charge from 2008 to 2010.

She served the congregations of Wilberforce and Gooderham United Churches. She fondly remembers her friends there. We would love you to join us on June 4 at 10 am.

Enjoy the service, catch up with Patsy, and then after the service, Brenda will be serving pancake breakfast with real maple syrup.

The tent will be set up, breakfast served outdoors.

We are looking for photos of those that served in any Military or Navy for our 2023 week long display in November.

Our November 2022 display was so successful, we wish to invite anyone within the **historical Snowdon township** to submit their pictures to be put on a memorial flag to fly this November on the property of the historical Irondale church.

If you have someone that served, please call Carol 705-457-8438, see George Simmons or email historical @IrondaleOntario to find out more.

Please don't wait until fall to contact us. The various printers have deadlines and I really hate to push their buttons.

Perhaps you have items that would be fantastic to display.
Everything is supervised.
Last year people appreciated viewing the additional items displayed indoors.

A Chinese-Canadian landmark in Vancouver holds the *Guinness World Records* title of the world's ***"shallowest commercial building."*** Have you heard the story about the skinny building in Vancouver? Interesting story about one man's perseverance. The Sam Kee Building at 8 West Pender Street is an internationally renowned narrow building, including a lower-level extension beneath the sidewalk.

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"A generation which ignores history has no past .. and no future."

The universe works in mysterious ways.

Sue Buckingham sends me these thoughts throughout the year. Many of these came to me mid summer. You will find they speak to you at different times. I read these when they come to me ... some are speaking to me differently now.

Thanks Sue.

Susie's Musings

Let me grieve the way I need to. I don't need to be rushed. I don't need to meet expectations put on me by others. I need to do this my way. This is my journey.

You don't have to be tidier, thinner, funnier or smarter. You don't have to be more assertive, more ambitious, more social or more productive. You can keep growing, but you don't have to be more of anything in order to be enough - you already are!

Cow shoes?

Not that kind of cow shoes!

During prohibition (1919-1933), the transportation and brewing of alcohol was prohibited. Some people who brewed Moonshine (whiskey) did it in the middle of a forest or meadow. Moonshiners were often sought after by law enforcement.

A lot of times, authorities had to track the alleged criminals by foot. To avoid capture, some moonshiners changed their shoes because a set of human footprints would be suspicious and indicative of people brewing or transporting alcohol. They, put on cow shoes.

Hoofprints were meant to make the cops never follow the tracks in the first place. Obviously, if they came across a still, they'd do something about it. But with hoof prints, the thought is that if the police encountered said prints, they'd think nothing of it, whereas if they encountered human footprints, they'd possibly follow them and ultimately discover a still.

Story & pics from https://rarehistoricalphotos.com/cow-shoes-prohibition-1924/

IN MEMORY OF
Josephine (Kylie) Anstress
June 25, 1935 to May 3, 2023

Jo and her six siblings lived a pioneer life in nearby Furnace Falls. Born just before WWII, she was proud to tell stories of gathering milkweed pods to be used to make parachutes for the war effort.

Jo's education started at the age of five with a two mile walk through the woods to the little school, SS #7.

She ventured to the big city to be certified as a teacher, starting her career at the age of 17 at the one-room school in Irondale. (Many will remember having Josephine or a teacher.)

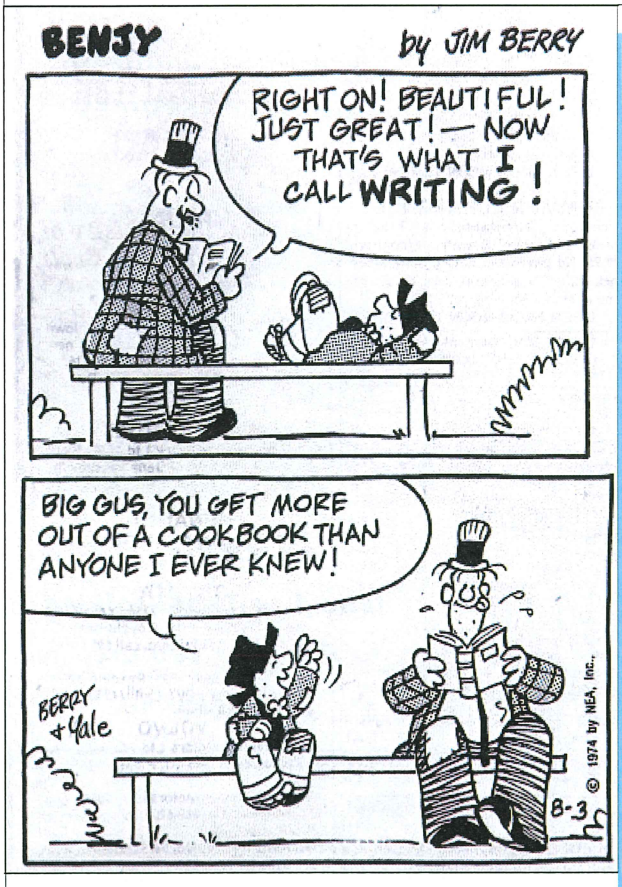
She was big sister to Hugh, Gary, and Gerry, and the late Edward, Mary, and Jack. Jo was predeceased by her loving husband, Dave.

More can be found at *www.sootoday.com/obituaries/anstess-josephine-jo-6953443*

Belief is a Strong Asset

A woman with a small family called-in to a radio station asking for help from God. A non-believer man who was also listening to this radio program decided to make fun of the woman. He got her address, called his secretary and ordered her to buy a large amount of foodstuffs and take to the woman. However, he sent it with the following instruction: "When the woman asks who sent the food, tell her that its from the devil."

When the secretary arrived at the woman's house, the woman was so happy and grateful for the help that had been received. She started putting the food inside her small house. The Secretary asked her, "Don't you want to know who sent the food?" The woman replied, "No, Say thanks to whomever sent this! I don't care who the person is because when GOD orders, even the devil obeys"!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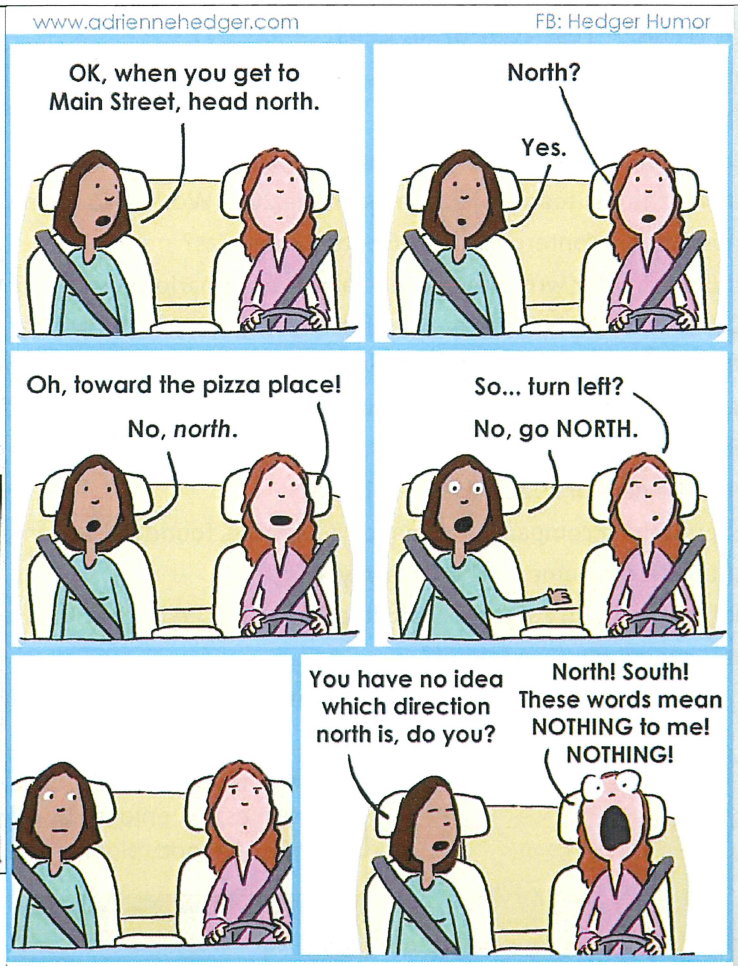
I had to share ... going through files in Fred's desk, I found this cartoon. This was so much my husband. He devoured cookbooks like my mother and I go through novels.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OK, when you get to Main Street, head north.
North?
Yes.
Oh, toward the pizza place!
No, north.
So... turn left?
No, go NORTH.
You have no idea which direction north is, do you?
North! South! These words mean NOTHING to me! NOTHING!

I had to share ... this is so me !!! Don't tell me East or West. Right or Left is all I understand when driving.

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Skinniest Building cont'd from pg 1 During the early 1900s, Vancouver's Chinatown was the largest Chinese community in Canada. But their high numbers did not protect Chinese Canadians against discrimination.

In 1907 the Vancouver Asiatic Exclusion League (VAEL) was formed with the goal of deporting Asian immigrants from Canada. VAEL garnered both political and popular support. The league succeeded in having the width of Pender Street increased in the hope of rendering the adjacent land useless to Chinese merchants who might wish to set up shop there.

But one local landowner, a successful businessman named Chang Toy (the Caucasian community called him Sam Kee), refused to be pushed aside. One of Toy's lots interfered with the widening of Pender Street in 1912. So, he either sold the land back to the city, or it was taken from him with compensation.

Because soon after selling, Toy hired the architecture firm Bryan and Gillam to transform the 1.8m (5'11") wide lot into a fully functional 3-storey building. At an absolutely astounding 4'11" wide on the ground floor.

But due to its length, and an extended basement that went under the sidewalk, a number of local businesses were able to fit in the space. This includes everything from barbershops in the basement to offices upstairs.

The building speaks to the ingenuity & resiliency of Chinese community during that time period. If you find yourself in British Columbia be sure to check out this fabulous building.

Story & pictures from
https://www.canadashistory.ca/explore/historic-sites/sam-kee-building
https://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=2814
https://curiocity.com/heres-the-story-behind-the-worlds-skinniest-office-building-in-vancouver/

Patricia's Trivia — Test Your Brain Cells

1. What major music star's boyfriend is A$AP Rocky?
2. What is the birthstone for April?
3. What do golfers yell if a ball is heading dangerously at someone?
4. What was the last team Canada faced in the 2022 World Cup, losing 2-1?
5. What is rapper Montero Lamar Hill better known as?
6. What Bronte sister wrote the novel "Jane Eyre", Charlotte or Emily?
7. Which Toronto Raptors player was chosen for the 2022 NBA All-Star Game?
8. What British band's 60th anniversary has been marked with a new five-pound coin?
9. Who directed the horror-thriller movies "Get Out", "US" and "Nope"?
10. What kind of animal feeds primarily on plants?
11. What is the date of 2022's winter solstice?
12. What publishing company of romance fiction was founded in Winnipeg in 1949?
13. What US state is home to The Gateway Arch?
14. What female country star was inducted 2022 into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
15. What is cynophobia the fear of?

Answers found elsewhere in the newsletter

Non-Denominational

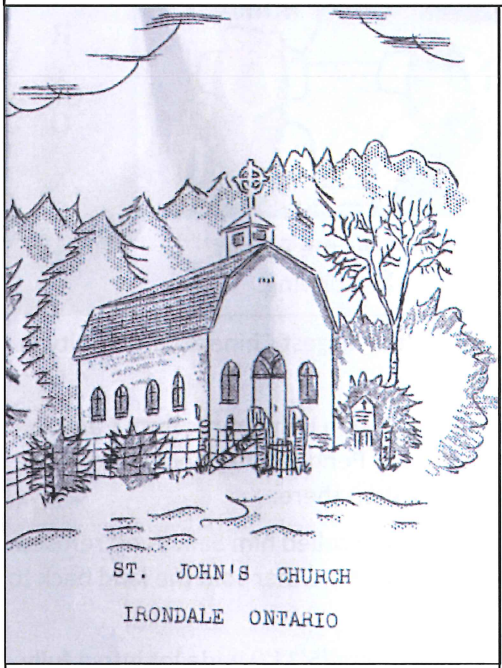
SUNDAY SERVICES

10 am

June 4 to Thanksgiving

Come as you are.

All welcome.



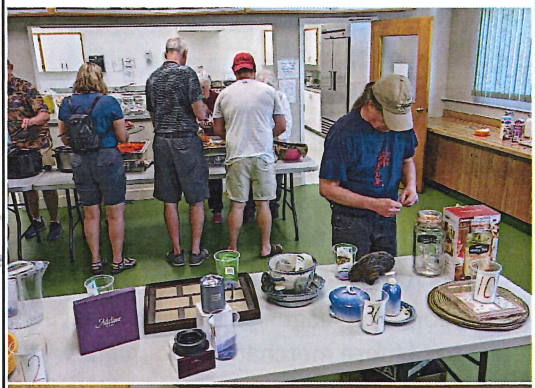
I may have asked this question before ... sorry the answer has slipped away.

I was recently sent a card with the pen/ pencil sketch above on it. We wonder if someone 'out there' knows who the artist was.

Smokin' Hot Dinner cont'd

Very successful, enjoyed by all.

Lots of great food, bidding and prizes won.



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Mergatroyd? Do you remember that word?

Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd? "Heavens to Mergatroyd!"

The other day a not so elderly lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He'd never heard the word jalopy! She knew she was old, but not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

Some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop, or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Fab 50's

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!"

We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.

Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! Okidoki. You'll notice they left out "Monkey Business"!!!

We are the children of the fabulous 50's. No one will ever have that opportunity again. We were given one of our most precious gifts: living in the peaceful and comfortable times, created for us by the "greatest generation!"

Editor's Note: A friend sent the above to me. Thank you to whoever it was that put this list together. I am not a child of the 50's however I am very familiar with many of these. I remember not too long ago, one of my nephews asked me where I learned some of the sayings I used. His mom, my sister didn't use them. Guess it was the 5 years difference in our ages.

Celebrating the Life of Fredrick James Simmons

a Fantastic Husband, Friend, Brother, Human Being

Saturday June 24, 2023 2pm to 4pm

Irondale Church Property

Casual, relaxed get together, what Fred wanted

Bring your lawn chair, share your stories, visit with each other.

Patricia's Answers: *Rihanna: Diamond: 'fore': Morocco: Lil Nas X: Charlotte: Fred Van Vleet: The Rolling Stones: Jordan Peele: a herbivore: Dec. 21, 2022: Harlequin Enterprises: St. Louis, Missouri: Dolly Parton: Dogs:*

Anglican Clergy of St. John's Church Irondale

I was at the church recently and noticed the plaque with this title for the first time, again. I wanted to share the information to those that may not have seen it before.

As well I would love to collect pictures of these people—so if you have one please consider lending it to me. Your photo will be returned to you unharmed.

The plaque goes on to read "Charles Pusey had this church (non-denominational) constructed in 1887. Names of clergy 1888 to 1899 are unknown. First mention of St. John the Baptist, Irondale 1903. St. John's was purchased by the Anglican Church in 1905.

Clergy were based in Minden from 1887 to 1929, then based out of Kinmount. The CA stands for Church Army.

1887	E. Soward	1906-08	HT Archbold	1946-49	E Sigston
1899	JE Fenning	1909	——	1950-53	LG McFarlane
	LW Broughall	1909-10	TA Nind	1954-56	HS Shepherd
	G Egerton Ryerson	1911-1913	Chas E Pratt	1957-68	JE Mason
1900-01	JE Fenning	1914	CP Watson, LR	1969-70	JS Ball
	LW Broughall	1915	EG Robinson	1971-72	RE Sims (CA)
	JF Rounthwaite	1916	AN Hoath, LR	1973-74	JM Craig
1902	JE Fenning	1917-23	GE Ferheller	1975-85	RG Brooks
	RB Nevitt	1924-25	H Collier	1985-86	WJR Ranson
	LA Trotter	1926	JB Bonathan	1986	S Pessah (CA)
1903	JE Fenning	1927-29	JH Stringer	1986-87	P Thoms (CA)
	TF Summerhayes	1930	RM Weekes (K)	1987-91	DM Gilby
	GIB Johnson	1931-38	HE Pelletier	1991-98	B. Parker
1904	GIB Johnson	1939-41	SAR Wood	1998	R. Shepherd
1904-05	JE Fenning	1942-44	RL McLaren		
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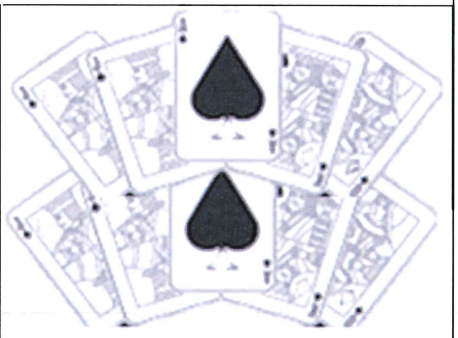

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Proceeds go to The Land Between Garden & Fountain, Ward Memorial Park, Norland, Ontario.

By the Community . . . For the Community

This latest fundraiser was a great opportunity to visit with people we haven't seen all winter.

I appreciated the fact we could all get together for a meal, some conversation and laughter.

There were certainly some very lucky winners—taking home some great gifts from the country raffle options and the loonie auction. The door prize (tickets to July dinner) was won by Bonnie Anderson of La Salette, Ontario. Bonnie is a sister of Joan Kott.

Thanks again to all that participated—whether there for a meal, donating items as well as hands on assistance with serving food, drinks, selling admission tickets and raffle tickets.

Clean up was a breeze with all the assistance given to us at the end of the night. Chairs and tables were down and put away in no time.

Pictures of the evening can be found on page four.

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

These are tentative dates - depends on state of Covid pandemic and rental of community centres.
Please be sure to check the appropriate website and/or Facebook pages to get up to date information

2023	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sun. Jun 4	**First Church Service -** 10 am. Visiting minister will conduct the service. Come as you are. Join us for conversation afterwards and weather permitting—Pancakes & Maple Syrup!
Sat. Jun 10	**Welcome Back!** We are celebrating with our **Spring Fling.** 11am - 4pm Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—1019 Elm Rd - on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION, pg 2
Sat. July 8	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Tickets available in advance. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 22	**Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the **Gooderham Community Centre**. Doors open 5pm, buffet 6pm. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. *B.L.C.D. event, proceeds supports Irondale's history.*
Sun. July TBD	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games and the AGM check www.sdlca.ca for up to date information.
Sat. Sept 23	**Harvest Festival -** We celebrate the fall season with BBQ, vendors, contests and more. 11am to 4pm on the heritage property at 1019 Elm Rd. FREE ADMISSION
Sat. Nov 11	**Themed Dinner** - Doors open at 5pm with dinner served at 5:30pm. **Irondale Community Centre** Ladies are planning the menu. You won't go away hungry. $25 per person.
Sat. Nov 4 to Sun. Nov 12	**"Service, Courage & Sacrifice -** 10am to 4pm each day - a display of flags of those brave individuals associated with Irondale, that served Canada in various aspects of war. Wander the grounds in remembrance, visit indoor displays of military memorabilia. New flags & displays from last year!

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